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Winter Wheat Production Up

Winter wheat production in the United States totaled 1.67 billion bushels in 2016, up 22 percent from 2015. The yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, presents a record high. National oat production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from 2015. Rye production for 2016 is estimated at 13.5 million bushels, up 16 percent from the 2015 total.

Key findings for the Southern Region

Alabama: Oat acreage is down 9 percent from last year while production is up 10 percent. Winter wheat production for 2016 is down 20 percent. While winter wheat yield is up two bushels from last year, planted acreage is down 30,000 acres and harvested acreage is down 50,000 acres.

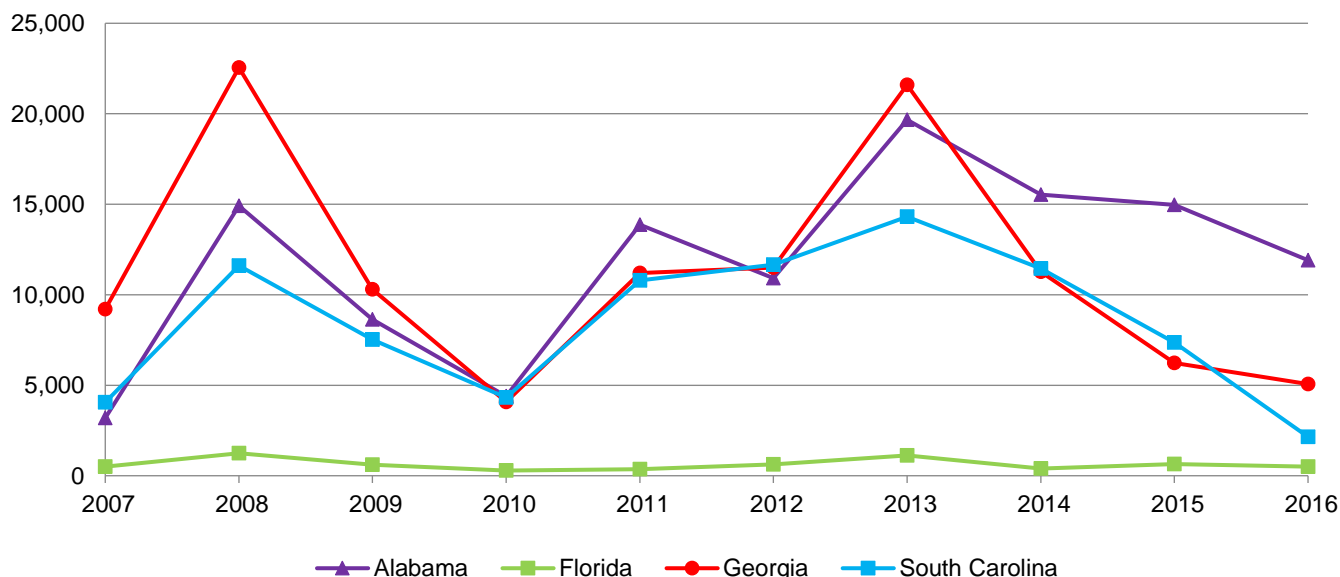
Florida: Winter wheat production is down 21 percent from last year, the result of a 13 bushel decrease in yield compared with 2015.

Georgia: Oat production for 2016 is down 23 percent from last year due primarily to a 30 percent drop in planted acreage. Rye harvested acreage is unchanged from last year but production is up 50 percent due to a rebound in yield from the previous year. Winter wheat production is down 19 percent from last year. While wheat yield increased 3 bushels from 2015, planted and harvested acreage decreased 35,000 acres.

South Carolina: As a result of the 2015 flooding in South Carolina, wet field conditions lingered throughout the fall, greatly impacting small grain planted acreage. The 2016 acres planted to oats and harvested for grain are both at record lows. Production, down 38 percent from last year, is the lowest recorded production since records began in 1866. Winter wheat planted, at 60,000 acres, is a decrease of 110,000 acres from last year, and is the lowest level since 1930. Production at 2.15 million bushels is down 71 percent from last year and the lowest since 1978.

Southern Region Winter Wheat Production: 2007 - 2016

1,000 bushels



Small Grains Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and 2016

Commodity and State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Oats								
Alabama	55	50	20	20	50.0	55.0	1,000	1,100
Georgia.....	65	45	25	15	45.0	58.0	1,125	870
South Carolina.....	24	17	9	7	58.0	46.0	522	322
United States	3,088	2,828	1,276	981	70.2	66.0	89,535	64,770
Rye								
Georgia.....	210	200	30	30	14.0	21.0	420	630
United States	1,584	1,891	365	414	31.8	32.5	11,616	13,451
Wheat, winter								
Alabama	260	230	220	170	68.0	70.0	14,960	11,900
Florida	25	25	15	17	43.0	30.0	645	510
Georgia.....	215	180	145	110	43.0	46.0	6,235	5,060
South Carolina.....	170	60	160	50	46.0	43.0	7,360	2,150
United States	39,681	36,137	32,346	30,222	42.5	55.3	1,374,690	1,671,532

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Small Grains 2016 Summary*, September 2016

Southern Region Oat Production: 2007 - 2016

1,000 bushels

